



Orange Township Public Schools
Central Elementary School
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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

We are excited for the start of the 2024-2025 school year at Central Elementary School! We are partners, jointly dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. This school year will be filled with continued opportunities to stretch your child's practice. It is going to be a great school year for not only the school level staff but for each of you as well. Please be advised that students report for the first day of school on **Friday, September 6, 2024**. Please visit the district website www.orange.k12.nj.us click Central Elementary School to view the supplies needed for our scholars to return. Attached to this letter is a name tag with your child's name, grade and teacher. Please ensure that they wear it on the first day of school.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT will be held on **Thursday, September 12, 2024**, from 6pm-8pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and hear about school-based initiatives.

MORNING ROUTINE FOR STUDENTS

- For the first day of school students will line up in the following locations on the playground where they will meet their teachers.
 - Kindergarten: Students will line up on the blacktop at the top of the stairs near the main entrance.
 - 1st Grade: Students will line up on the right side of the playground according to class assignment.
 - 2nd Grade: Students will line up on the left side of the playground according to class assignment
- Beginning September 9th students will enter the building through the main entrance and report to the auditorium.
- The **building will open at 7:50am daily**. Students are to be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them.
- Breakfast will be available for all students, and they will eat in their classrooms with their teachers from 8:15-8:30. If your child does not wish to participate in the breakfast program, please ensure that they have a well-balanced breakfast at home.
- Students must arrive to school by 8:25 a.m. but not before 7:50am. Attendance is vital to your child's learning. We need our students on time and present each day.
- Instruction will begin promptly at 8:30am.

DISMISSAL

- All students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Parents must sign students out.
- Parents will enter through the red doors and exit through the main entrance.
- Kindergarten students will be dismissed from their classrooms. Students in First and Second Grade will be dismissed from the auditorium.
- If you are unable to pick up your child on a certain day, please provide prompt, written notification to the main office. Please include the name of the person who will serve in your capacity. Identification is required.

STUDENT ATTIRE

Students should dress according to the uniform policy. Uniforms must be worn daily. The following are the dress code expectations:

- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White/Light Blue)
- Pants/Skirts: Navy Blue
- Sweaters: Pull-over or button down (Solid Color)
- Girls may wear solid color white or navy tights.
- Black, blue, or brown shoes.

For physical education classes: All students must wear navy blue or grey sweatpants, solid color t-shirt or school t-shirt. Sneakers must always be worn for physical education classes.

Please be sure that appropriate and safe footwear is always worn. No flip flops, crocs, or slides are to be worn due to the safety hazard. All sandals must be secured at the toes and ankle for safety.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are responsible for reporting daily absences to Ms. Hall, school secretary, at 973-677-4110. The district policy indicates that a student must be in attendance for 163 or more school days to be considered to have successfully completed the instructional program requirements of the grade/course to which he/she is assigned.

FORMS

Students will receive the emergency contact form on the first day of school. Please review and complete the emergency form and other corresponding forms by September 13, 2024. It is important that these forms are returned so we can have active communication with you throughout SY 24-25.

CHROMEBOOKS

Students are expected to bring their district issued Chromebook to school each day. The Chromebook should be fully charged. Parents are responsible for the safe keeping of the Chromebook.

COMMUNICATION

- All teachers and staff will be connected to our students and families using “Class Dojo.” Please ensure you have connected with your child’s classroom teacher on this platform and check the “school story” daily for any announcements.
- E-mail & phone blasts will also be used by staff to communicate with families. Please ensure you have updated your contact information in genesis. It is imperative that all school personnel have the most update information for your household.
- The Parent Portal will be the means of accessing all your student’s essential information, his/her progress/grades, missing assignments, and other concerns that might impact your student’s performance or well-being. If you have not done so, please ensure that you sign up for parent portal.
- Please listen to phone blasts sent by the school and/or District. They include valuable information and guidance.
- The School District’s social media platforms are a great source for posting updates & important information as well as celebrating and sharing photos of our fun activities. You can also follow our school on the following social media platform below:
 - **Twitter(X):** @CentralSchool33Orange Public School District
 - **Instagram:** Orange Public School District
 - **Facebook:** @CentralSchool33

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

This year we will offer several after school programs for our students which will include Academic Support, Art Club, Board Games, Friendship Club, Tennis, and Spelling Bee. Detailed information regarding each program will be available on our website and shared via Class Dojo.

DISTRICT GOALS AND STRATEGIC PLAN

The district goals and strategic plan are the guiding force in the development of the Orange Public School District. You are encouraged to review each plan and ask questions related to the development of the whole child as well as the district's partnership with families.

The following link is for the District Goals: <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/30018>.

The following link is for the Strategic Plan: <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3344>.

Looking forward to a happy, healthy, and productive school year!

Educationally yours,

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